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ORDER TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES OR
OTHER ITEMS IN COMMERCE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1 to 41 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Amend the claims as follows:

42. (amended) A conditional order transaction network that matches or compares buy and sell orders for a plurality of items based upon conditions set forth within the order, including the price represented as an algorithm with constraints thereon, the conditional order transaction network comprising: